

SENATE RESOLUTION 33
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Homeland Church of God in Christ on its 75th anniversary.

WHEREAS, once in great while there comes along a special church with a dedicated congregation who, through their unlimited capacity for love, richness of spirit and faith in God, dedicate their fine church to touching and shaping lives, thereby helping to build a better and brighter world; and

WHEREAS, the future of our state depends upon the positive contributions that religion makes to our society; and

WHEREAS, the Homeland Church of God in Christ has worked to improve the quality of life in Tennessee for the past 75 years; and

WHEREAS, this illustrious body is composed of spiritual people, sagaciously led by Elder Kendall Anderson, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the rich history of this church began when a small but determined group of Christians began worship services in a shed on a lot owned by Sister Lizzie Ellison and led by Evangelist, Elder Milton Saunders in March of 1921; and

WHEREAS, the present church at 1490 Britton Street was built on a lot purchased from Mr. Sephiss Hearn. The builder of the present church was Elder James Rodgers; and

WHEREAS, Elder Milton Saunders, Founder, Elder C. Mitchell, Elder Fox, Elder A. Brim, Elder R.C. McNeal, Elder Rice, Bishop J.O. Patterson Sr. (who later became Presiding Bishop

of the Church of God in Christ, International), Elder James Rodgers (builder of the present church), Bishop F.D. Macklin, (Jurisdictional Bishop), and the present pastor Elder Kendall Anderson, Sr., were instrumental in the vibrant history of Homeland Church of God in Christ throughout the first seventy-five years; and

WHEREAS, as part of Homeland's history, during the early years, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, Founder of The Church of God in Christ, International, came out to minister and preach at the church; and

WHEREAS, Homeland Church of God in Christ has provided seventy-five years of ministry and spiritual leadership in the North Memphis community, the city of Memphis and the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the church is recognized, respected, and actively participates in the Headquarters Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Homeland serves as the church home to many Memphis professionals, business leaders, educators, and public servants; and

WHEREAS, various church organizations serve and enrich the lives of its members, including the Trustee Board, the Deacon Board, the Mother's Board, the Missionary Board, the Sunday School Department, the Choir, the Youth Department, the Young Women's Christian Council and the Summer Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this Assembly wish "the Friendliest Church in Town", the Homeland Church of God in Christ, many future blessings as their exemplary ministry continues to inspire individuals in the Memphis community and the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby recognize and commemorate the Homeland Church of God in Christ on their 75th anniversary and wish them much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.